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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/872,085	<b>Applicant(s)</b> HUNT ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Satish S. Rampuria	<b>Art Unit</b> 2191	

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) <sup>1-3, 5-36</sup> ~~22-33~~ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-21 and 34-36 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 22-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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***DETAILED ACTION***

This Office Action is in response to the Amendment filed on Oct. 27, 2005.

Claim cancelled previously: 4.

Claims Allowed: 1-3, 5-21 and 34-36.

***Reasons for Allowance***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As pointed out by the Applicants in the Remark that the cited prior art (Redlin et al. [5,951,680] and Henderson [6,446,188]) taken alone or in combination fail to teach, in combination with the other claimed limitations, a method for run-time configuring caching of factory objects, comprising: *"configuring the cache object by the application; associating a factory object of the plurality of factory objects with the cache object by the application; and cooperatively operating, by the factory object and the cache object, to manipulate one or more objects contained in the plurality of cache objects in response to a request from the application."* as recited in such a manner in each of independent claim 1.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the **second paragraph** of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 22- 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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Clarification and/or correction are required.

Regarding, claim 22, on line 1 of the claim, the limitation “structure” is unclear as to what structure i.e., is it a program structure or hardware structure etc.

Claims 23-33, have the similar limitation to those in claim 22 with respect to the limitation “structure”.

The rejection of the base claim is necessarily incorporated into the dependent claims.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101*

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 22-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claim 22 is non-statutory because the language of the claim raises a question as to whether the claim is directed merely to an abstract idea which would result in a practical application producing a concrete, useful, and tangible result to form the basis of statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claim recites a structure for run-time configurable caching of factory objects, representing functional descriptive material without a computer readable medium or computer implemented method, program per se is not tangibly embodied. Claims 23-33 are dependent on claim 22 and further support a structure without a computer readable medium or computer implemented method, program per se are not tangibly embodied thus amounts to only abstract idea and are nonstatutory. To overcome this rejection the claims need to

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be amended to include only the physical computer media and not an intangible or non-functional media.

### *Conclusion*

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Satish S. Rampuria** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-3732**. The examiner can normally be reached on **8:30 am to 5:00 pm** Monday to Friday except every other Friday and federal holidays. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the **TC 2100 Group receptionist: 571-272-2100**

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Wei Y. Zhen** can be reached on **(571) 272-3708**. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300**.

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